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Two reports describing Soviet naval vessels observed in and around Odessa harbor

Attachment Number	Vessels
1	<p>In Odessa: four similar unidentified "destroyers",</p> <p>similar submarines; five submarines of the same size [redacted] but differing in conning tower construction; nine MTB's with two torpedo tubes each.¹</p> <p>In the Black Sea (N 44-45, E 32-52): minesweeper [redacted]</p> <p>In Odessa: SKORYY-class destroyer [redacted]</p>
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1. [REDACTED] Comment: From the sketch, the unidentified "destroyers" appear to be RIGA-class escort vessels. Available information, confirmed by the sketches, indicates that [REDACTED] is a W-class submarine and [REDACTED] is an M-V-class submarine. 50X1-HUM

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1. NAVAL:

In Odessa, the following naval vessels were observed

a. Four destroyers. The vessels were all similar.

Flat deckers with deck spring and high bow, two carmons, each in its shield on the castle, bridge with spheric 50X1-HUM mer on the top. mast. stack. torpedo-cannon, decks-house and cannon in shield

See sketch No. 1.

b. Nine submarines.

length about 275 feet. The vessel seemed to be
lying in dry-dock. See sketch No. 2

Three subs were alike | Length estimated
at about 200 feet. See sketch No. 3. | 50X1-HUM

Five vessels looked about the same size as the three preceding subs. The tower construction on these five was somewhat different from that of the other three. More details about these five cannot be given, as they lay in such a manner that details could not be observed.

The eight subs last mentioned all seemed to be manned.

c. Nine Motor-torpedo-boats.

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The vessels were small compared with the MTB's seen previously

All of them had two torpedo tubes and were manned. No more details could be given.

2. NAVAL VESSELS AT SEA:

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Description of the mine-sweeper:

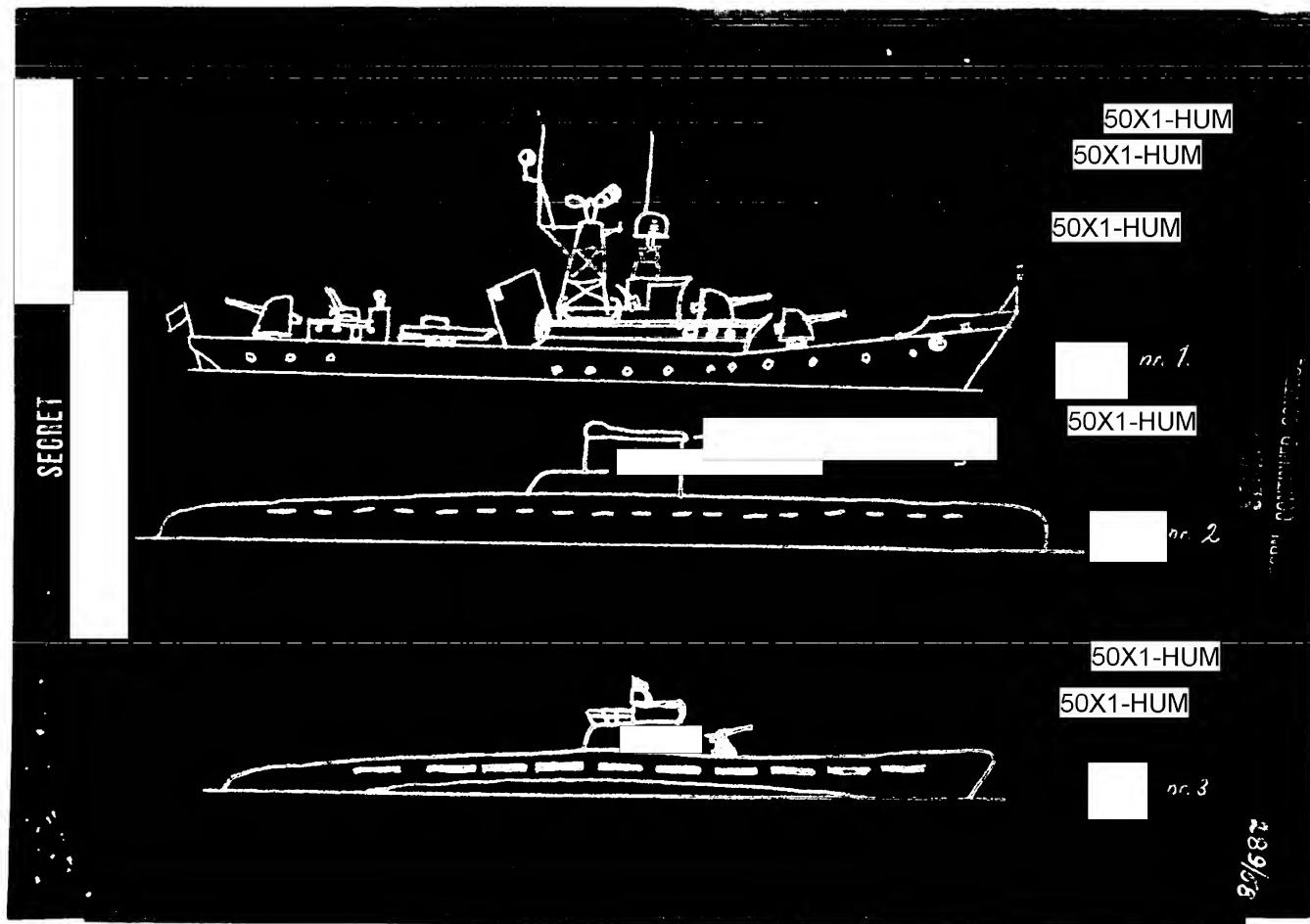
The vessel was a bit

larger than a NYMS and was built of steel.

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1. The following are the details of a U.S.S.R. warship seen in

ODESSA:-

W.

H. Moored in ODESSA Harbour near the Quarantine Mole.

Y. Secured alongside the Quarantine Mole at ODESSA.

D. Good visibility and close range.

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O. Berthed in a U.S.S.R. Port.

F. Two funnels slightly naked with cowls.

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I.

L. Estimated 400 feet.

M. Two - one tripod forward, forward of foremost funnel
one shorter tripod aft, forward of after funnel.

S. Step abreast foremost - square stern

T. One turret forward - one turret aft and secondary armament

U. Two torpedo mountings - one forward and one abaft after
funnel.

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R. Radar on foremost and mainmast.

S. None observed.

2. This vessel went out daily and could be seen apparently

in the Bay. On return to harbour she lay with two anchors down and stern
a buoy between the Quarantine Mole and the Detached Mole.

3. Whilst this warship was lying in this berth an unexploded German
mine was discovered beneath the berth. This was removed by the local "Bomb
Disposal Unit".

4. The following are the details of a submarine seen exercising on
several days in ODESSA Bay. She was not seen to enter harbour: 50X1-HUM

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- H. In ODESSA Bay.
- Y. ~~Alongside Quarantine Mole.~~
- D. Submarino did not come close enough for pendant number to be read with binoculars.
- O. In a Russian Port.
- I. Not soon.
- C. Rootangular.
- ... None visible.
- S. No radar or periscopes visible.
- H. Estimated 200 feet.

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SECRET1. NAVAL:

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In Odessa, the following naval vessels were observed on 3 October:

a. Four destroyers. The vessels were all similar.

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Flat deckers with marked spring and high bow, two cannons, each in its shield on the forecastle, bridge with spherical central viewer on the top, mast, smokestack, torpedo-cannon, decks-house and cannon in shield.

See sketch No. 1.

b. Nine submarines.

Length about 275 feet. The vessel seemed to be 50X1-HUM lying in dry-dock. See sketch No. 2

Three subs were alike

Length estimated

at about 200 feet. See sketch No. 3.

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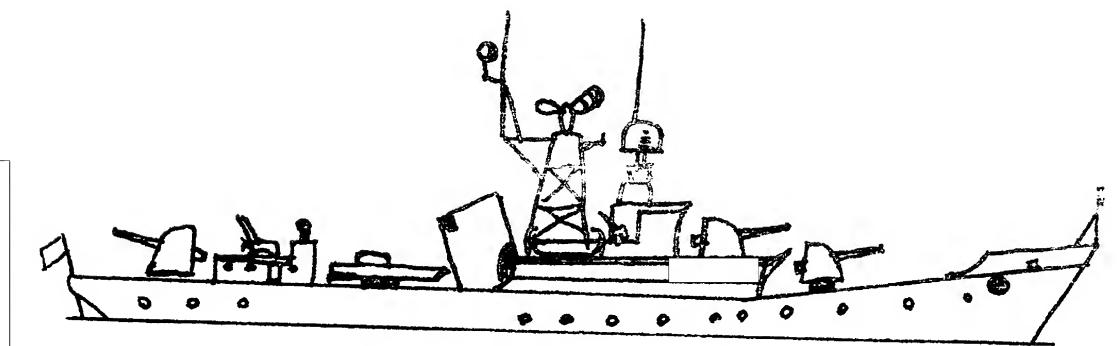
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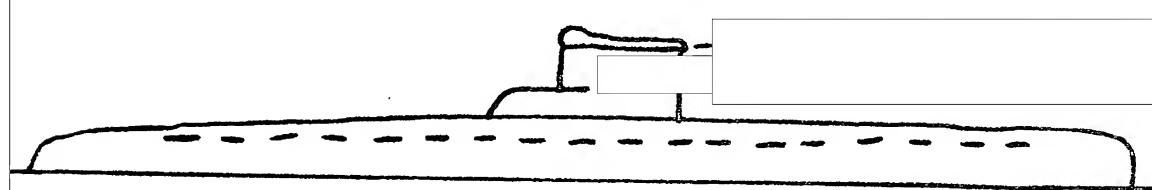
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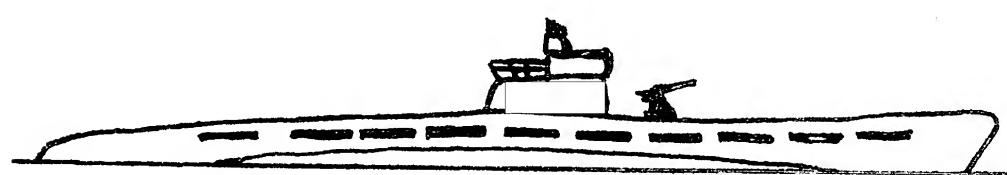


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U.S.S.R.NAVAL.WARSHIPS AT ODESSA.

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Y. Secured alongside the Quarantine Mole at ODESSA.

D. Good visibility and close range.

O. Berthed in a U.S.S.R. Port.

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F. Two funnels slightly naked with cowls.

I. [redacted]

L. Estimated 400 feet.

M. Two - one tripod forward, forward of foremost funnel
one shorter tripod aft, forward of after funnel.

S. Step abreast foremast - square stern

T. One turret forward - one turret aft and secondary armament.

A. Two torpedo mountings - one forward and one abaft after
funnel.

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R. Radar on foremast and mainmast.

S. None observed. [redacted]

2. This vessel went out daily and could be seen apparently exercising
in the Bay. On return to harbour she lay with two anchors down and stern to
a buoy between the Quarantine Mole and the Detached Mole.

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W. [redacted]

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- H. In ODESSA Bay.
- Y. alongside Quarantino Molo.

D.

- O. In a Russian Port.
- I. Not soon.
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- ... None visible.
- S. No radar or periscopes visible.

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